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(37 CFR 1.63)**

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Examiner Name	To be assigned

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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Panel And Panel Fastening System

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 is attached hereto
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(Title of the Invention)

Application Number **PCT/DE99/03259** and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) **01/01/2000** (if applicable)

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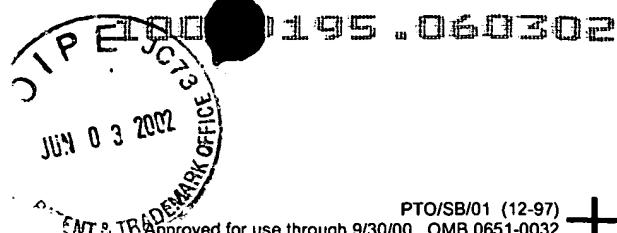
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